

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A convertible vehicle (1) with a roof (2), which includes, in the closed state, a section (6) of a transversely running roof strut (6a) on an area directly or indirectly adjacent to the windshield frame (4) that protrudes farther into the passenger compartment (7) than roof areas lying behind it,

characterized in that the section (6), on a surface (11) facing the passenger compartment (7) has at least one large-area recess (9, 10), coverable by at least one deformable covering (14, 15);

wherein the deformable covering can deform upon impact with a vehicle occupant without injuring the vehicle occupant.

2. (original) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that the covering (14, 15) includes a surface of at least 70 square centimeters facing the passenger compartment (7).

3. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that two coverable recesses (9; 10) are present, symmetric to a vertical longitudinal center plane (8) of the vehicle.

4. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that a solder line (19; 20) on the outer surface of the at least one covering (14; 15) includes a rearward facing component, at least over a partial area, and a downward facing component over a partial area.

5. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,
characterized in that the at least one recess (9, 10) is at least twenty-five centimeters wide and ten centimeters deep.

6. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1,

characterized in that the at least one covering (14, 15), in the calculated head impact area of the driver and/or passenger during a possible front collision, lie on the section (6) protruding into the passenger compartment (7).

7. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** parts for locking the roof strut (6a) to the windshield frame (4) can be mounted through the open recesses (9; 10).

8. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the at least one covering (14, 15) with an end arranged in the front in the direction of travel (F) that lies on the windshield frame (4) when the roof (2) is closed, is screwed to the roof strut (6a).

9. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the at least one covering (14, 15) is releasably suspendable on a rear end opposite the direction of travel (F) behind at least one protrusion (17) of the roof struts (6a).

10. (original) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 9, **characterized in that** the protrusion (17) is a hold-down (18) for the covering (14; 15) that prevents it from being forced up.

11. (previously presented) A movable vehicle roof (2) for a convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 1.

12. (previously presented) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 7, wherein the parts for locking the roof strut (6a) to the windshield frame are safety catches (12).

13. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) with a roof (2), which includes, in the closed state, a section (6) of a transversely running roof strut (6a) on an area directly or indirectly

adjacent to the windshield frame (4) that protrudes farther into the passenger compartment (7) than roof areas lying behind it,

characterized in that the section (6), on a surface (11) facing the passenger compartment (7) has at least one large-area recess (9, 10), coverable by at least one deformable covering (14, 15);

wherein a solder line (19; 20) on the outer surface of the at least one covering (14; 15) includes a rearward facing component, at least over a partial area, and a downward facing component over a partial area.

14. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 13,

characterized in that the covering (14, 15) includes a surface of at least 70 square centimeters facing the passenger compartment (7).

15. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 13,

characterized in that two coverable recesses (9; 10) are present, symmetric to a vertical longitudinal center plane (8) of the vehicle..

16. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 13,

characterized in that the at least one covering (14, 15), in the calculated head impact area of the driver and/or passenger during a possible front collision, lie on the section (6) protruding into the passenger compartment (7).

17. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 13,

characterized in that parts for locking the roof strut (6a) to the windshield frame (4) can be mounted through the open recesses (9; 10).

18. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 13,

characterized in that the at least one covering (14, 15) with an end arranged in the front in the direction of travel (F) that lies on the windshield frame (4) when the roof (2) is closed, is screwed to the roof strut (6a).

19. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) with a roof (2), which includes, in the closed state, a section (6) of a transversely running roof strut (6a) on an area directly or indirectly adjacent to the windshield frame (4) that protrudes farther into the passenger compartment (7) than roof areas lying behind it,

characterized in that the section (6), on a surface (11) facing the passenger compartment (7) has at least one large-area recess (9, 10), coverable by at least one deformable covering (14, 15);

wherein the at least one covering (14, 15) is releasably suspendable on a rear end opposite the direction of travel (F) behind at least one protrusion (17) of the roof struts (6a).

20. (new) A convertible vehicle (1) according to Claim 19,
characterized in that the protrusion (17) is a hold-down (18) for the covering (14; 15) that prevents it from being forced up.